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For unto us a child is born.

Unto us a son is given.

And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. And he called his name Jesus.

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

ALL orders for Quarterlies to date have been filled, and we are ready to give prompt attention to any orders that may come in.

If you will promptly remit the amount due this office you will do a very practical thing toward making a happy New Year for all the hands in the office.

PETER gave heed and hand to the cripple at the temple gate, which was much better than the gold he asked for. Every temple has its cripples, poor and pleading. To us is the cry to heed; thro us is the power to heal, it may be by the virtue of cheerfulness, of kindness, of helpfulness or of love.

A TEACHER in the Darwin, Ind., Sunday-school, for fear of teaching error, asks us to answer questions two and twenty-four in the review, Sabbath December 25. This we gladly did, and greatly appreciate the fact that we have teachers who realize their responsibility as this sister does.

CHRIST is the world's Christmas tree. There are found gifts for all and that which each deserves the most. God's gift is not to be laid up in a napkin, but to be used in our every-day life. There is nothing in the plan of nature that is *useless*. Is it possible then, that any of us can lightly esteem the very planet and axis of our salvation? Do

you know of some poor waif of sin who needs the gift of God? If so, tell them of the free gift and that today is the day when whosoever will may come and take freely. From this Yule tide and forever, let each of us make of God's Christmas gift the choice of Ruth, the Moabite.

ONE who is greatly interested in the cause of the Brethren church asks us whether there is any truth in the report that we receive members into the church on any other than Trine Immersion as baptism. If any of our ministers are receiving such they are doing it, not in the name of the Brethren church, but upon their own responsibility, as the Brethren church receives members on Trine Immersion only.

GOD gave the world the Lord Jesus Christ as a free gift, and now asks us to come and accept him in believing love. Have you accepted him in all that he is? How will you show your appreciation of this great gift to the children of men? You can do it in two ways, first, give yourself to him, body and soul, and then consecrate your service and means to him. God gave himself for you, what have you given for him?

THERE is no time in the year so opportune and momentous in which to teach the young the riches and beneficence of God and the poverty and want of man as the present. There stands out before us a contrast incomprehensible—a *perishing* world, lost in the great trackless desert of sin; the heavenly Caanan, the granary of the universe, and God, the ruler, fitting out a relief and rescue expedition, in his Son, to seek and to save the lost.

CHRIST is God's Christmas gift. Christmas is the beginning of a series of object lessons of God's love. The Kindergarten lesson was given one night in a stable of Bethlehem; the object, the Babe in the Manger; the first pupils, the Shepherds. This is when and where God gave his best gift. While this is true, yet the Babe of Bethlehem was but the *birth* of an effort. The results from that birth should nerve us to conceive and beget the best efforts.

THE Bible school held at Enon church, Iowa, was a decided success, as all properly conducted Bible schools are. Such schools should be held throughout the entire brotherhood. It is not enough that we have the Bible in our home, we need to get its teach-

ings into our heart and brain and life. It is not enough that we read our Bibles, we must study them; it is not enough that we study them, we need to learn *how* to study them so as to get the greatest good out of them. If there is any thing in which the Christian people of this age lack more than in other things it is in the study of the Word of God, a systematic, spiritual study of the holy Word of God. If we knew the Bible as we ought to know it, our lives would be more in harmony with its teachings.

WE have had several inquiries from preachers as to the price at which we can furnish the *Homiletic Review*. The price of this monthly is \$3.00 per year, but to those who are not now subscribers to the *Review* we will make the special price of 3.50 for the *EVANGELIST* and the *Review*. The *Homiletic Review* is the best preacher's help now published, and ministers will find it to their interest to take advantage of this very liberal offer.

CHRISTMAS is a time of gifts, for God set the example. He gave *g i - f - t - s*—gifts can only be *received*—to a needy world. Being heirs of God let us place our gifts like God. Give such as you have and according to others' needs. God's gift was a babe,—that's what the world needed most—representative of a new race of men. Packages and parcels are often bundles of strife wrapt in jealousy and tied with envy. Greed gives many a present, hoping for a better in return.

FOR some weeks our churches have been preparing for Christmas. In the services what has been made most prominent? The idea of Santa Claus and the promise of a treat? If so then you have failed in what you have undertaken. Santa Claus should not be associated with our Christmas services. Let Christ, the Savior of mankind, be held up before the children, the blessed Jesus who loves children, who took them in his arms and tenderly blessed them. He will interest them more than Santa Claus.

THE Bible which we formerly offered with the *EVANGELIST* at \$2.75, can not now be supplied at that price, as it was a special price with paper at one dollar. Fifty cents must now be added to this price, that is \$3.25. We can sell you a Bible much cheaper than this, in fact we can furnish you a Bible and the *EVANGELIST* at \$2.50, but the Bible we offer with the paper at \$3.25, is a first class Bible, leather lined, large type, a